



# U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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724 FW 1-2	Migratory Bird Permits	428
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## EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:

Chapter 1 identifies the authorities, objectives, and responsibilities for the Federal migratory bird permit program. Chapter 2 describes the types and applicability of the various migratory bird permits and the procedures and requirements for obtaining and complying with a permit.

These chapters supersede Director's Order 84, 01/24/95, and Director's Order 131, 12/20/00.

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**Part 724 Migratory Bird Permits**

**Chapter 1 Authorities, Objectives, and Responsibilities for Migratory Bird Permits**

**724 FW 1**

**1.1 What is the purpose of this chapter?** This chapter identifies the authorities, objectives, and responsibilities for the Federal migratory bird permit program.

**1.2 To whom is this Part applicable?** The chapters in Part 724 are applicable to all employees who administer, oversee, and enforce the migratory bird permit program.

**1.3 What is the objective of the migratory bird permit program?** To promote the long-term conservation of migratory bird populations while providing opportunities for the public to study, use, and enjoy migratory birds consistent with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA).

**1.4 What are the authorities for issuing permits?**

A. [16 U.S.C. 668](#).

B. [16 U.S.C. 703-712](#).

C. 50 CFR 10, 13, 21, and 22.

**1.5 Who is responsible for administering the program?**

A. The **Assistant Director - Migratory Birds** has oversight responsibility and the lead role for implementing the migratory bird permit program. The Assistant Director may exercise all the authority of the Director regarding permits except for permits that allow lethal take of bald or golden eagles ([034 FW 6](#)).

B. The **Chief, Division of Migratory Bird Management** has the lead responsibility for development of policies, regulations, and other directives for the program, and shares responsibility with other Service permit programs for development, operation, and maintenance of the Service Permit Issuance Tracking System (SPITS).

C. **Regional Directors** are responsible for administering all permitting activities, except lethal take of bald or golden eagles, the authority for which has not been delegated from the Director ([032 FW 7](#)).

**1.6 What is the Migratory Bird Permit Memorandum series?** The MBPM series clarifies regulations and other existing policy and promotes internally consistent implementation of the migratory bird permit program. The Division of Migratory Bird Management issues and maintains these memorandums.